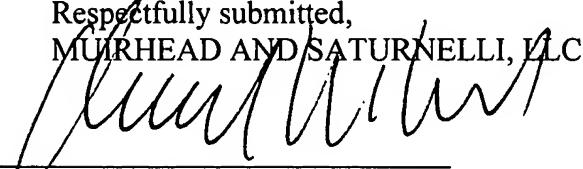


REMARKS

In this preliminary amendment, Applicant has amended claims as presented in the PCT International application PCT/JP2004/018838 filed December 16, 2004 (of which the present application is a 371 US National Stage application) to reflect amendments made during the prosecution of the PCT application under Article 19(1). Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims are fully supported by the originally-filed specification.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 508-898-8603.

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